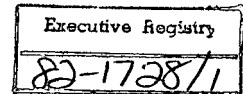


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Central Intelligence Agency
Office of the Deputy Director for Intelligence




14 JUL 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Letter to Mr. William Von Raab

Attached is a prepared response to a recent letter from Mr. William Von Raab, the Commissioner of Customs. Mr. Von Raab endorsed a letter that he sent to over 1,600 US C.E.O.'s of high technology firms explaining the purpose of Operation EXODUS. Also attached is your earlier response to Mr. Von Raab on the status of Project EXODUS, a high priority Customs program involving intelligence, inspectional and investigative activities to help staunch the flow of high technology exports to the Eastern Bloc.

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Robert M. Gates

Attachment:
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DHS Review Completed.

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Office of the
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE

July 8, 1982

NOTE FOR: TTAC

Bob

Bob would like you to prepare the brief acknowledgement, for the DCI's signature, to the attached from William von Raab. The response should be in the form of a letter and should be to me by cob 13 July. Also, please prepare a covering note, for the DDI's signature, to the DCI, explaining what the letter is all about. Thanks.



DDI Action Officer

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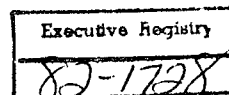
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

JUN 30 1982

WASHINGTON, D.C.



Dear Mr. Casey:

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In our continuing effort to halt the flow of critical technology to the Soviet bloc and other hostile countries, I have sent the attached letter to over 1,600 chief executive officers of the nation's largest high technology firms.

Briefly, the letter describes the problem of illegal exportation of high technology, outlines what we at Customs are doing through Operation Exodus and solicits their support.

I enclose a copy for your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

The Honorable
William J. Casey
Director, Central Intelligence
Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Enclosure

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